

Collecting Students' Questions

Why collect students' questions?

- The #1 reason kids say they are afraid to talk with their parents about sex is that they are afraid parents will think they are doing something wrong or planning to have sex.
- The number one topic that students search for on the internet is ...SEX. Forty four percent of young people use the internet to get answers to their sexual questions.
- STUDENTS NEED TO KNOW
 - **NORMAL** to be curious about sex
 - **NORMAL** to be uncomfortable talking with your parents about sex
 - Parents can help students learn the truth about sex.
 - Churches and schools can assist parents by letting them know the students' concerns and questions.

How to Collect the Questions – best response if students know the person collecting the questions and if this person follows the suggested script including:

- **Reason** – Let the students know the questions are needed to help plan a parent workshop and let the parents learn what students want to know. Parents and teachers will receive a copy of the list. The nurse will help their parents answer the questions.
- Students need to be encouraged to ask. They need permission to question.
- Say no names go on the paper, just their grade and if they are a boy or girl
- Reassure that someone who does not know their handwriting will type the questions on a list and then destroy the original handwritten questions.(Kids worry about this.)
- So students will not be embarrassed writing questions, everyone is asked to write something. If they have no questions, it can be the words of a song. Do not include these songs, etc. on the list. Keep count of the number who do not ask anything.
- Ask to write questions on one side of the card and "What kids/teens your age need to know" on the other. May feel too uncomfortable to label a question as theirs but more open to list what "kids/teens your age" need to know.
- Collating and copying– put all questions, even repeats, on the list. Seeing a question over and over emphasizes its importance. Cluster questions together and do not correct spelling or slang terms (often used to shock). This takes the most time but is the most important. See the example below and "Counting Questions".

5th Grade **BOYS ASK**

When do boys have growth spurts? Why?
When do your hormones start developing?
How old do you have to be when puberty comes?
Want to know how our bodies change.
What are puberty ages?
How does puberty affect boys?